THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Railways accord provisional clearance to the transportation of international containers containing such dangerous/hazardous/offensive commodities, which have not yet been included in the Red Tariff, subject to observance of norms prescribed in International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code and other terms & conditions.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Extension of Delhi-Ahmedabad Rail lines

†4768. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi-Ahmedabad rail line is proposed to be extended upto Gandhinagar;

(b) whether the budget for the same has also been sanctioned;

(c) if so, the reasons for not starting any work on the project till now; and

(d) by when the said work would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The work of construction of Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti-Kalol is in progress to provide direct connectivity to Gandhinagar from Delhi-Ahmedabad line. This project is targeted for completion during 2005-06. An outlay of Rs. 15 crore has been provided for the project in the budget 2005-06.

Paradip Port Trust

4769. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paradip Port Trust has asked for allotment of additional rakes for transportation of iron ore from the mines to the port;

(b) whether Railways have expressed their inability to agree to the request;

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(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether this will not result in diversion of traffic to road bringing in its wake congestion and pollution problems; and

(e) if so, whether Railways will reconsider their decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Facilities of toilets at suburban railway stations in Mumbai

†4770. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are facilities of toilets at all the Suburban Railway stations in Mumbai, but they are not properly maintained and kept clean;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to improve their condition;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Adequate number of toilets are provided at the suburban railway stations in Mumbai which are cleaned at regualr intervals. Frequent checks are also conducted to ensure proper cleanliness standard.

Extension of trains

†4771. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to extend Coimbatore-Rajkot train to Ajmer, Pooja Express from Jammu Tawi-Jaipur to Ajmer and Ajmer-Bangalore train to Coimbatore;

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to start in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof?

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